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SUBJECT: TALK WITH DINITZ

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. DINITZ CAME IN TO SEE ME TODAY AT HIS REQUEST. HE SAID HE HAD HAD A LONG TALK TODAY WITH ALLON AND THAT ALLON WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT HE AND RABIN (DINITZ INCLUDED HIMSELF) ARE VERY ANXIOUS THAT RABIN'S TRIP TO THE U.S. BE A SUCCESSFUL ONE. DINITZ SAID THAT WHAT HE WAS ABOUT TO SAY TO ME WAS AGREED BETWEEN ALLON AND HIMSELF DURING THEIR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY AND THAT RABIN KNEW NOTHING OF IT.

2. HE SAID ALLON AND HE WERE WORKING FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOU HAD DEVELOPED SOME EGYPTIAN "GIVE" AT SALZBURG AND THAT THE GOI WOULD NOW BE EXPECTED TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE. DINITZ WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT RABIN'S UNILATERAL STEP TO REDUCE FORCES NEAR THE CANAL HAD BEEN TAKEN DESPITE SUBSTANTIAL CRITICISM IN THE PARLIAMENT AND SOME CRITICISM IN THE CABINET. IT IS ALLON'S VIEW THAT TO A LARGE DEGREE ISRAELI ABILITY TO BE RESPONSIVE WILL DEPEND

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UPON TWO FACTORS:

(A) WHAT EGYPTIAN FLEXIBILITY MAY HAVE BEEN INDICATED TO YOU;

(B) THE ATMOSPHERE IN ISRAEL.

3. DINITZ SAID THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING BETWEEN RABIN, ALLON AND PERES LATER THIS WEEK, FOLLOWED BY A CABINET MEETING ON SUNDAY. IT IS ALLON'S VIEW THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THESE MEETINGS WOULD TAKE PLACE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED IF USG HOLD-UP ON MILITARY ITEMS PENDING DELIVERY COULD BE REMOVED IN ADVANCE OF THEM. SPECIFICALLY, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO TELL THE ISRAELIS THAT THE F-15 MISSION COULD COME TO THE U.S., THAT THE LETTER AUTHORIZING SHIPMENT OF THE LANCES COULD BE RELEASED, AND THAT THE DISCUSSION ON LASER GUIDED BOMBS COULD BE RESUMED? DINITZ EMPHASIZED THAT NONE OF THESE ACTIONS NEED TO TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE RABIN VISIT, BUT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THE U.S. COULD UNILATERALLY INFORM THE ISRAELIS OF OUR DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD ON ALL THREE PRIOR TO RABIN'S MEETING WITH ALLON AND PERES AND PRIOR TO THE CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY. DINITZ ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS IN NO WAY MAKING ANY APPEAL WITH REFERENCE TO USG ATTITUDES TOWARD "FUTURE ITEMS," BUT WAS REFERRING ONLY TO THE THREE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE ON WHICH PREVIOUS ACTION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN.

4. DINITZ SAID THAT IT IS ALLON'S VIEW AND HIS OWN THAT ACTION OF THIS SORT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE AND CUT THE GROUND OUT FROM UNDER THOSE IN THE CABINET AND IN THE PARLIAMENT WHO WILL ARGUE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD NOT MOVE UNDER PRESSURE.

5. SIMCHA EMPHASIZED THAT RABIN KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THIS APPROACH; IT WAS COOKED UP BETWEEN ALLON AND DINITZ ON THE 'PHONE TODAY. IN FACT, RABIN WOULD PROBABLY PREFER THAT THE ISSUE NOT BE RAISED BECAUSE IT WOULD PUT "EVEN GREATER PRESSURE" ON ISRAEL TO MOVE CONCRETELY WHEN RABIN SEES YOU.

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6. DINITZ ALSO SAID THAT ALLON HAS SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO APPROACH THE EGYPTIANS WITH A SUGGESTION THAT THEY ANNOUNCE ON JUNE 5 WHEN THEY OPEN THE CANAL THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS, EGYPT WILL ALLOW ISRAELI CARGOES TO PASS THROUGH THE CANAL. THIS, DINITZ SAID, WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN RABIN'S HAND WITH THE CABINET AND THE PARLIAMENT. HERE AGAIN, DINITZ SAID THAT A MOVE OF THIS SORT BY THE EGYPTIANS

WOULD STRENGTHEN RABIN'S HAND AGAINST THOSE IN ISRAEL WHO ARGUE THAT SADAT IS VIOLATING A PREVIOUSLY REACHED AGREEMENT.

7. DINITZ EMPHASIZED AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THIS WAS AN

INFORMAL APPROACH, THAT IT WAS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE U.S., THAT RABIN DID NOT KNOW OF IT, AND THAT IT WAS ALLON'S AND DINITZ' VIEW THAT IF WE COULD MOVE IN THE SUGGESTED DIRECTIONS, IT WOULD INDEED CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO BE LESS THAN FORTHCOMING WHEN RABIN VISITS THE UNITED STATES. DINITZ ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS IN NO WAY TO BE LOOKED UPON AS THE ISRAELI POUND OF FLESH FOR THE UNILATERAL MOVE IT HAD MADE IN THE SINAI YESTERDAY.

7. I OFFERED NO COMMENT WHATSOEVER TO THE FOREGOING, OTHER THAN TO PROMISE SIMCHA THAT I WOULD PASS IT ON TO YOU. AT ONE POINT SIMCHA SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS I COULD PUT THESE IDEAS TO YOU AS MY OWN, GIVEN HIS CONCERN THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL LEARN THAT THE APPROACH HAS COME FROM HIM. I REFUSED TO DO THIS BUT DID TELL SIMCHA I WOULD EMPHASIZE TO YOU THE NEED TO PROTECT HIM AND ALLON. INGERSOLL

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